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SUBJECT: DANISH PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER

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1. ON MORNING OF MAY 2, JUST PRIOR TO PRIME MINISTER
JORGENSEN'S DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL, I MET WITH HIM REGARDING
FORTHCOMING NATO SUMMIT MEETING. PRIME MINISTER WAS
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT SUBJECTS MIGHT BE
DISCUSSED AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT PRECEDING NATO MEETING. I
REPLIED THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING FOUR
SUBJECTS WOULD PROBABLY BE TREATED:

(A) ECONOMIC SITUATION AND POLICY

(B) TRADE RESTRICTIONS

(C) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

(E) ENERGY

2. WE THEN DISCUSSED PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE BILATERAL
TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AT
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2:40 PM. JORGENSEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN A
LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE STRESSED HIS CONCERN
ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND, ABOVE ALL, THE NEED TO AVOID
CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. WHILE JORGENSEN HAD NOT YET FULLY DECIDED WHAT
SUBJECTS HE WOULD RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THE

BRIEF BILATERAL, HE THOUGHT THAT HE MIGHT BRING UP THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SPAIN OF FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN. THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL VISIT MADRID MAY 17. THIS IS TRULY A HISTORIC OCCASION SINCE IT WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH VISIT BY A NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND ALSO PROBABLY THE FIRST VISIT TO SPAIN BY ANY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE THAT TIME. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD OFFER TO SHARE THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S IMPRESSION ON THE STATUS OF DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN AND MIGHT SOLICIT PRESIDENT CARTER'S VIEW ON SPAIN BEFORE ANDERSEN'S DEPARTURE FOR MADRID.

4. HE MAY ALSO TOUCH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DENMARK'S WILLINGNESS TO BE OF HELP IN FINDING A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF PERHAPS MENTIONING DENMARK'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE TROOPS TO THE UN FOR INTERNATIONAL FORCE IF DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA SHOULD REQUIRE SUCH A MILITARY PRESENCE.

5. I AM PASSING ON THESE THOUGHTS SO THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT TAKEN BY SURPRISE IF PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN RAISES THEM IN THE BILATERAL MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRIME MINISTER MAY INCLUDE OTHER TOPICS IN HIS CONVERSATION. I KNOW THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND AND I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO WEAVE THIS THEME AND HIS CONCERN ABOUT OFFENDING SOVIETS INTO THE MEETING.

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